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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CCD: AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP

1. AUSTRALIAN PERMREP (AMBASSADOR CORKERY) HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR MARTIN MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 22, TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF CCD ENLARGEMENT. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIVING AUSTRALIAN REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT, WE LEARNED FROM ITALIAN CCD DELOFF (BRUNI) THAT AUSTRALIANS HAD APPROACHED ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO SOLICIT ITS VIEWS ON POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY FOR CCD MEMBERSHIP. UK DEL HAS INFORMED US THAT AUSTRALIANS CONTACTED THEM HERE ABOUT FOUR WEEKS AGO TO GET A RUNDOWN ON THE CCD ENLARGEMENT QUESTION. ALTHOUGH THE BRITISH HAVE NOT BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY APPROACHED BY THE AUSTRALIANS, THEY ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOW DECIDED TO MAKE A BID FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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2. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER AUSTRALIANS CONTEMPLATE

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP AN "ASIAN NONALIGNED" STATE OR AS A WESTERN ALLY. BRITISH DEL HAD INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT TO CORKERY THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE POSED IF THE AUSTRALIANS SOUGHT TO JOIN AS A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN GROUP. BRITISH TOLD AUSTRALIANS THAT THIS WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO COUNTER-PROPOSALS FROM THE SOVIETS FOR SEATING COMMUNIST STATES WHICH WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST, AS WELL AS TO PRESSURES FROM THE NONALIGNED FOR ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN UN-DESIRABLY LARGE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE COMMITTEE.

3. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, AUSTRALIANS INTEND TO APPLY AS "NONALIGNED ASIAN STATE" THEY WOULD FACE PROBLEM, WHICH WE THINK WOULD BE FORMIDABLE, OF CONVINCING NONALIGNED GROUP AND SOVIETS THAT AUSTRALIA GENUINELY MEETS THIS DESCRIPTION. WHEN CORKERY CALLS, AMB MARTIN PLANS TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO BOTH OF THESE SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND TO SAY THAT WE WILL BE INFORMING THE DEPT OF AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP AND ASKING FOR ITS FURTHER GUIDANCE.DALE

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